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1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

-- CENTRAL PRESS REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S SAN FRANCISCO
SPEECH EMPHASIZES THAT PART OF SPEECH WAS A "REALISTIC APPRAISAL
FOR NEED FOR DETENTE", WHILE SECOND PART "DISTORTED" SOVIET FOREIGN
POLICY BY ASCRIBING TO IT "AGGRESSIVE" AND "EXPANSIONIST" AIMS
(SEPTTEL);

-- OTHER REPORTING ON THE U.S. INCLUDES CIRITCISM OF GENERAL
HAIG'S INTERVIEW AND ON SECRETARY RUMSFELD'S CONGRESSIONAL
TESTIMONY AND REPORTS THAT U.S. HAS NUKES AT KEFLAVIK;

-- IZVESTIYA BLASTS FRG MEDIA REPORTING ON THE SOVIET UNION,
INCLUDING THE JUNZELMANN TV PROGRAM ON SOVIET SPIES IN THE FRG;

-- ON ANGOLA, COVERAGE CONCENTRATES ON GREETINGS TO MPLA
EXTENDED BY VARIOUS COUNTRIES ON OCCASION OF 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF
START OF STRUGGLE AGAINST PORTUGUESE. ALSO MENTIONED IS MEETING
BETWEEN PONOMAREV AND AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS DELEGATION (SEPTTEL);

-- REPORTS ON THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE CONTINUE
TO STICK TO VAGUE ATMOSPHERICS, WITH PRAVDA PROMISING ONLY
TO PRINT "AN ACCOUNT" OF MARCHAIS' SPEECH;

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-- GDR FONMIN FISCHER PRAISES CPSU GUIDING ROLE IN THE COMMUNIST
BLOC AND SAYS GDR WISHES "TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION" TO
BLOC UNITY IN FOREIGN POLICY;

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAYS MALAYSIA IS CONCERNED OVER
INDONESIAN EFFORTS TO TURN ASEAN INTO A MILITARY BLOC;

-- AND PRAVDA PRAISES EFFORTS BY A NON-COMMUNIST BUT

LEFTIST PORTUGUESE PARTY TO UNITE "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" IN THAT COUNTRY.

2. U.S. SIGNED COMMENTARY IN IZVESTIYA ISSUES FURTHER CRITICISM OF GENERAL HAIG FOR HIS NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW, SAYING IT CALLS FOR A FURTHER ARMS RACE, AND ACCUSING THE GENERAL OF "JOINING IN HEATED ATTACKS ON DETENTE." ARTICLE ALSO CRITICIZES SECRETARY RUMSFELD FOR USING "ALLEGED SOVIET THREAT" IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT MAJORITY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE "WANT TO OBSERVE AGREEMENTS" REACHED AT HELSINKI, BUT "THE MILITARY/INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PUBLIC OPINION." COMMENT. ARTICLE IS LATEST IN A SERIES (REFTEL) ASSERTING THAT ATTACKS ON SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY ARE CONTRARY TO U.S. POPULAR OPINION. END COMMENT. ALL CENTRAL PRESS ALSO REPORTS CONTENTION BY ICELANDIC NEWSPAPER THAT U.S. HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT KEFLAVIK. IZVESTIYA'S KOBYSH REPORTS ON SUCCESSES OF SOVIET CRUISE LINER MAXIM GORKY OPERATING IN U.S. WATERS, MENTIONING "THE POSSIBILITY" THAT EXPLOSION ON BOARD SHIP IN SAN JUAN WAS "AN ACT OF PROVOCATION." SIGNED REPORT IN PRAVDA FROM ROME SAYS COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTIES HAVE OFFICIALLY REQUESTED GOVERNMENT TO LOOK INTO REPORTS OF CIA INTERVENTION. PRAVDA CARRIES SIGNED REPORT ON TRIALS AND TIRBULATIONS OF UNEMPLOYED IN U.S., WITH THRUST THAT ON 200TH ANNIVERSARY U.S. UNABLE TO ASSURE PEOPLE OF "RIGHT TO PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS."

3. FRG. IZVESTIYA IN SIGNED REPORT FROM BONN CRITICIZES FRG PRESS AND TV FOR "OPEN LIBEL, DISTORTED FACTS," ETC., IN REPORTING ON THE SOVIET UNION. KUNZELMANN PROGRAM ON "MOSCOW AGENTS" IS HEAVILY CRITICIZED, AND ARTICLE SAYS SPIEGEL REPORTS THAT INFORMATION FOR PROGRAM WAS PROVIDED BY FRG INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. ARTICLE WARNS THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES VIOLATE CSCE AND ARE CLEARLY DIRECTED AGAINST DETENTE. COMMENT. ALL ABOVE CRITICISM IS AIMED AT "AUTHORS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PUBLICATIONS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BROADCASTS" AND NOT AGAINST FRG AGENCIES. END COMMENT. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ALSO CARRIES LENGTHY BLAST AT SPRINGER PRESS.

4. FRANCE. PRESS CONTINUES TO CARRY ATMOSPHERE PIECES ON THE PCF CONGRESS, BUT SO FAR HAS DONE VIRTUALLY NO REPORTING ON POLITICAL SUBSTANCE. PRAVDA PROMISES TO PRINT "AN ACCOUNT" OF THE MARCHAIS REPORT, WHILE IZVESTIYA REPORTS ONLY THAT THE DRAFT CONGRESS DOCUMENT PRAISES THE LEFT'S JOINT PROGRAM AND THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A PROGRAM HAS BECOME POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING AUTHORITY OF "SOCIALISM" IN THE WORLD. COMMENT. OMISSION OF PCF PRAISE FOR DETENTE AS HAVING ADVANCED COMMUNIST INTEREST IS, IN THIS CONTEXT, GLARING. END COMMENT.

5. GDR. GDR FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER AUTHORS A LENGTHY PRAVDA ARTICLE ON GDR FOREIGN POLICY AIMS WHICH IS PRIMARILY A RECITAL OF

THE BENEFITS OF UNITY WITHIN THE SOCIALIST BLOC AND WITH THE USSR. FISCHER SAYS THAT EXPERIENCE OF THE CPSU IS "OF INVALUABLE SIGNIFICANCE FOR FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITY OF THE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH." FISCHER ALSO IN TWO SEPARATE INSTANCES SPEAKS OF THE GDR'S INTENTION/WISH TO "INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON FOREIGN POLICY.

6. ASEAN. TASS REPORT IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAYS "MALAYSIA IS CONCERNED" BY EFFORTS BY "INDONESIAN LEADERS" TO TURN ASEAN INTO A MILITARY GROUPING. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA SAYS THAT INDONESIA INTENDS TO INVITE JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO UPCOMING ASEAN CONFERENCES IN BALI--
THUS, ACCORDING TO KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB. ARTICLE SAYS INDONESIANS INTEND TO PROPOSE TREATY OBLIGATIONS WHICH WOULD CREATE STANDING MILITARY ORGAN IN THE GROUPING.

7. PORTUGAL. PRAVDA CARRIES ARTICLE PORTRAYING FAVORABLY ACTIVITIES OF THE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, SAYS THAT PARTY IS STRIVING TO UNITE LEFT AND "PROGRESSIVE" FORCES TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY GAINS.
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